
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14A
**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY
(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Your **Vote** Counts!

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY

2023 Annual Meeting
Vote by February 6, 2023 11:59 PM ET. For shares held in a Plan, vote by February 2, 2023 11:59 PM ET.



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You invested in **CENTRAL GARDEN & PET COMPANY** and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the shareholder meeting to be held on February 7, 2023.**

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement, 2022 Annual Report and Shareholder Letter online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to January 24, 2023. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future shareholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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Vote Virtually at the Meeting*

February 7, 2023
10:30 a.m. Pacific Time

Virtually at:
www.virtuashareholdermeeting.com/CENT2023

*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming shareholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors Nominees: 01) William E. Brown 04) Lisa Coleman 07) Christopher T. Metz 10) John R. Ranelli 02) Courtnee Chun 05) Brendan P. Dougher 08) Daniel P. Myers 11) M. Beth Springer 03) Timothy P. Cofer 06) Michael J. Griffith 09) Brooks M. Pennington III	✓ For
2. To recommend, by non-binding vote, the frequency of advisory votes on executive compensation.	3 Years
3. To approve an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers as described in the accompanying proxy statement.	✓ For
4. To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2023.	✓ For
NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.	

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